

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) reaches an important milestone of the 40th year since the trustees of Indiana University and Purdue University agreed the public higher education needs of Indiana would be best served by merging the Indianapolis campuses of the two universities;

Whereas, In the ensuing 40 years, IUPUI has become Indiana's urban research and academic health sciences campus, rapidly growing in size and stature, offering a tremendous range of degree programs for more than 30,000 students, and has become the third strong pillar supporting public higher education in Indiana;

Whereas, A commitment to civic engagement and service has been a fundamental component of IUPUI's mission from the beginning. This distinctive commitment has statewide, national, and international impact;

Whereas, Two-thirds of IUPUI graduates remain in Indiana, bringing cutting-edge knowledge and skills to the state's workforce. Half of Indiana's physicians, 85 percent of its dentists, and similar percentages of other health



professionals were educated at IUPUI; and

Whereas, Externally funded research topped \$300 million in 2007 and 2008. With these funds and research efforts contributing to the vitality of the state's economy, new jobs are being created, businesses are being stimulated, and highly educated professionals and innovators are increasingly attracted to the exceptional opportunities offered in Indiana: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly observes and
2 recognizes 2009 as the 40th year of Indiana University-Purdue
3 University Indianapolis, which has matured into an institution that is
4 integral to the life of our city, region, and state.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Thomas A. Morrison, Associate
7 Vice President for Public Affairs and State Relations at Indiana
8 University.

